



**The
Scholars
Programme**



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that your child has been selected to take part in **The Scholars Programme**. This is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club, and we hope your child enjoys the opportunity!

What is The Scholars Programme?

- Students work with a university researcher in small groups to give them an experience of what it's like to study at university. We call the researcher the students' PhD Tutor.
- Students learn beyond the curriculum; PhD tutors will share their subject knowledge and passion for learning. This will stretch and challenge students as they develop their academic skills.
- At the end of the programme, students complete a final assignment of between 1000 and 1500 words. This is marked using the university grading system and allows students to show the progress they've made.
- **The date for the submission of your child's Final Assignment is Tuesday 4th June 2024.**

Why has my child been selected to take part in the Scholars Programme?

Your child's teachers have identified them as having the potential to make a successful application to one of the most competitive universities. Although university may not be for everyone, The Scholars Programme aims to give children an experience of university learning to help them make an informed decision.

When will the programme begin?

The Scholars Programme will begin with an Online Launch hosted by The Brilliant Club during school hours in March before PhD tutors come into school for the Tutor Launch. The Online Launch introduces students to the programme and gives them a taste of life at university in a session co-hosted by a university partner.

Parent/Carer Data Form

We request that a parent/carer of each participating student completes an online data consent form as soon as possible: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5076524>. For more information on how The Brilliant Club processes the data it collects, please visit: <https://thebrilliantclub.org/privacy-policy/>. Completing this form also means we can email you with information and updates about the programme and you can sign up to our monthly parent newsletter.

The Hub and Digital Tutorials

Students and teachers will be given access to our online learning platform, the Hub. The Hub allows messages to be exchanged between students and their tutor, with a moderation system in place for safeguarding. Tutorials may also be delivered remotely. When we deliver remotely, and students are at home, we record sessions to provide safeguarding oversight. Recordings are kept for a short time to ensure there are no safeguarding or quality concerns and will then be permanently deleted.

How can I ensure my child gets the most from The Scholars Programme?

We would encourage you to speak with your child about how they find the experience and remind them about completing their assignments. Further information about The Scholars Programme can also be found on our website: <https://thebrilliantclub.org/>, with specific parent information found [here](#) or by clicking 'Already working with us?' and selecting 'The Scholars Programme', then 'Parents and Carers'.

Graduation Event and Parent Information Events

Students attend a Graduation Event at the end of the programme to celebrate their achievements and learn more about life as a university student. Graduation Events are for students and school staff only, so that we can utilise space at on-campus events to offer every child on the programme a place. We value the support parents and carers provide and we offer online events, in partnership with universities across the UK, to provide more information about the programme and university, and give parents and carers a chance to ask questions about progression to university. Further information will be shared with you via your child's school.

We hope that your child has a fantastic learning experience with The Brilliant Club. If you would like to contact us, please email schools@thebrilliantclub.org.

Best wishes,
Annabel Marcuse
Director of Access Programmes, The Brilliant Club



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Parent/Carer Permission

(This section can be retained by the school for their planning records as necessary)

Student name	_____		
I give permission for my child to take part in The Scholars Programme as outlined in the letter above.			
I can confirm that I have completed the Parent/Carer Data Form online as outlined in the letter above.			
Signature:	_____	Date of signature:	_____